

Amendments to the Claims:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1–12. (Canceled)

13. (New) A method for the prognosis of a human patient diagnosed with having neuroblastoma, the method comprising:

- a. obtaining a neuroblastoma sample from the patient;
- b. extracting biological material from the neuroblastoma sample;
- c. contacting the biological material with at least one reagent specific for a human twist gene;
- d. determining the expression level of the twist gene in the biological material;
- e. comparing the expression level determined in (d) with the expression levels of the twist gene in the neuroblastomas of patients with good prognoses; and
- f. determining a good prognosis or a poor prognosis based at least in part on the comparison made in (e).

14. (New) A method for the prognosis of a human patient diagnosed with having breast cancer, the method comprising:

- a. obtaining a breast cancer sample from the patient;
- b. extracting biological material from the breast cancer sample;
- c. contacting the biological material with at least one reagent specific for a human twist gene;
- d. determining the expression level of the twist gene in the biological material;

e. comparing the expression level determined in (d) with the expression levels of the twist gene in the breast cancers of patients with good prognoses; and

f. determining a good prognosis or a poor prognosis based at least in part on the comparison made in (e).